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The CIA deeply regrets that certain anonymous sources are attempting to criticize Stanley Sporkin on the basis of his fully authorized conduct as CIA General Counsel. Any suggestion that Mr. Sporkin has acted inappropriately as set forth in the Scripps Howard News Service story is without basis in fact. There has not been a Department of Justice or FBI investigation of Mr. Sporkin's conduct for the simple reason that the allegation that he tried to "cover up" an FBI investigation of a CIA employee is totally baseless.